

WHEREAS, The United States of America is entering its Third Century of independence; and,

WHEREAS, It is important that the citizens of the State of South Dakota retain as many tangible links with the past as possible to maintain our unique character; and,

WHEREAS, It is important that each individual community retain its own unique character to give its citizens a sense of place in the nation's history; and,

WHEREAS, Forts, trails, log cabins and battlegrounds speak today of the settlement of a new continent and the unification of its people; and,

WHEREAS, Canals, ships and railroad stations document the tying together of settlements; and,

WHEREAS, Courthouses, City Halls, Town Halls, and State Capitols tell how our ancestors set up their governments; and,

WHEREAS, Churches, mansions, movie theaters, townhouses, mills, factories, farm houses and opera houses, the unique, the historical and the typical--all create a rich tapestry in our communities and our lives; and,

WHEREAS, Acknowledging the urgent need to preserve and enhance the historic past and to insure appreciation of it, I consider it an obligation and a privilege to honor the citizens who are working to save our historic, architectural and cultural landmarks and to urge all of our citizens to join in their ranks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2 - 13, 1977, as:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DAYS

in South Dakota, and call on all people of this State, and especially the preservation organizations, historical preservation commissions and societies and other civic groups, to observe that week with activities and ceremonies designed to call public attention to the urgent needs of preservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 2nd day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

RICHARD M. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth
LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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